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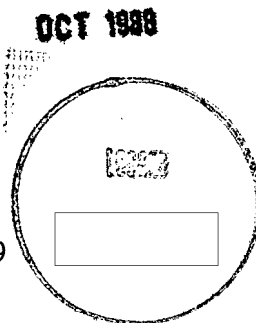
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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

Subj: SUBMARINE/ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE NET ASSESSMENT

Ref: (a) IC Staff ltr Ser ICS 4743-88 dtd 2 Aug 1988
(b) CNO ltr Ser 092/8S528827 dtd 15 Aug 1988
(c) House Appropriations Committee Report on FY89
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1. Reference (a) recognizes the Congressionally-directed net assessment of Soviet and U. S. submarine and antisubmarine warfare capabilities and points out the work being conducted by the CIA which may be useful in satisfying this task. Reference (b) is a formal request for both CIA and DIA inputs to the Red capabilities projections required to enable a complete net assessment.

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2. We appreciate your expression of interest and concern with the subject net assessment. Per reference (c), the assessment is being "...coordinated and led by the Director of Naval Intelligence, with input from other members of the Intelligence Community..." It is under these instructions that we have requested assistance from both CIA and DIA in developing the Red capabilities assessments (reference (b)). As you correctly note, we are also involved in a close interaction with appropriate "Navy operating elements" to ensure accuracy and completeness of Blue input.

3. Reference (c) specifies the role of the Director of Central Intelligence as performing "...mediation of disagreements..." Based on the successful interaction of our respective analysis efforts over the past few years, I fully anticipate that a consensus of assessed Red capabilities can be reached, that major disagreements will be minimized, and that minor differences of opinion can be accurately expressed within the context of the full assessment. We therefore expect that requirements for adjudication on the part of the Director will be minimal. We will, of course, provide you copies of the final net assessment as you requested.

Very respectfully

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*Also happy to let any of your people look at
draft any time they want ✓*